

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**35th Sunday After Pentecost, January 15, 2017**  
9:00 AM Lit. + Dr. Stephan Banach r/by Wife, Melania  
11:30 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
**Monday, January 16, 2017**  
No Liturgy Scheduled  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**  
7:30 AM Lit. + John Peter Zakanyecz  
r/by Putykewycz Family  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**  
7:30 AM Lit. + Emil Dochych r/by Wife and Family  
**Thursday, January 19, 2017**  
No Liturgy Scheduled  
**Friday, January 20, 2017**  
8:45 AM Lit. + John Kopi - Legate  
**Saturday, January 21, 2017**  
8:00 AM Lit. + Pavlo Loza r/by Natalie & Oleh Topylko  
5:00 PM Lit. + Anna & Dmytro Pikus r/by Ann Marie Stek  
**36th Sunday After Pentecost, January 22, 2017**  
*Epistle - 1 Tim 1:15-17; Gospel - Lk 18:35-43*  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM Lit. + Deceased Members, Holy Name Society

Vertep (Nativity Play)

Today, January 15 at 10:30 am, the parishioners of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ, will come to our parish and present a traditional Christmas Vertep Play. All are invited to the free play in the church hall.

St. Ann Society Gift Auction

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2017. Mark your calendars! Members are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Small items may be dropped off at the rectory office during the day (call 732-826-0767).

Christmas Concert

Thank you to everyone who made our parish Christmas Concert a huge success last Sunday! Thanks to the parish youth group “Svitanok” for presenting a beautiful selection of carols, to our younger children for putting together a play “Malanka” and to our famous parish choir “Boyan” for singing popular Christmas carols. It was an outstanding teamwork effort and a successful parish event. I would like to thank all those who gave their time and talents to make that afternoon possible, especially Mrs. Iryna Borsa for preparing children’s program, parents of children for bringing them to rehearsals, Mrs. Alla Korostil for leading the choir “Boyan,” the choir members for sharing their talents and voices in the Christmas Joy. May God bless each and every one of you this year and forever.

Christmas Eve Holy Supper

On Christmas Eve, January 6, 2017, Assumption parish sponsored a traditional Holy Supper (*Sviaty Vechir*) for all parishioners and guests. Many tasty Lenten dishes were prepared and shared. Filled with the spirit of the carols and poetry, more than 100 people truly enjoyed a traditional Christmas Eve in anticipation of Christ’s birth. Thank you to the Holy Name members for sponsoring this event and for cooking Lenten foods for us to share during the Christmas Eve supper. Thank you to St. Ann Society for sponsoring baked goods.

St. Ann Society

A wonderful Christmas celebration was held last Sunday for members of St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Assumption Catholic Church. The day of friendship and sharing a meal made for a festive and fun time!  
The Society of Saint Ann always welcomes new members. Please consider joining our dedicated ladies for prayer and a meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (Sunday during winter months) in the church hall. Find out what’s on our calendar and be a part of over 50 years of service to the parish community. For information please contact the church office.

TODAY’S SUNDAY: Young Ruler’s Choice

On the 35th Sunday after Pentecost we read about the rich young ruler asking Christ what he must do to inherit eternal life. Christ answers him by asking if he follows the commandments and then tells him that he should sell all he has and give it to the poor for it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God (Luke 18:18-27). Jesus called this man to become a true disciple and to enter into a right relationship with God. Instead the young man left dejected, choosing earthly riches over the treasures of heaven and the idol of wealth over God. Ultimately we are troubled because Jesus calls on each of us to make a decision between physical wealth and true discipleship. We know what the young ruler chose, what choice will you make?

Catholic Schools Week 2017 - OPEN HOUSE

Assumption Catholic School will join nearly 8,000 Catholic Schools across the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Parents and prospective preschool through grade eight students are invited to visit our school on Sunday, February 5th, from noon to 3:00 p.m. for the Open House. You will have the opportunity to tour the school and enjoy conversation with the Principal and current students, who will be assisting with each tour. Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year, will be accepted at these sessions. It’s never too early to start thinking about giving your children the great gift of a Catholic education - one which is effective and affordable! If you can’t make it to the OPEN HOUSE, feel free to call the School office and set up a tour with us at any time. Our principal is always more than happy to do a walk-through with you and answer all your questions! To receive more information about the school, call 732-826-8721 or visit [www.assumptioncatholicschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicschool.net)

Enlarging Your Circle of Friendship

Often times when we come to church we find ourselves mingling with the same group of people; people with whom we may have a special affinity or perhaps people with whom we may have formed lasting friendships - and this is a great and wonderful thing! Yet, at the same time, we mustn’t pass up the opportunity to interact with and get to know people outside our circle of friends. There is nothing better than a unified parish, whose circle of friendship includes everyone. Take a moment each Saturday and Sunday to get to know someone different - you won’t regret it.

Sacristy

Please be reminded that the priest’s Sacristy which is adjacent to and behind the altar in our church is open to all parishioners if they want to speak to the priest after the Liturgy. Sacristy is a room in a church where a priest prepares for a service, and where vestments and other things used in worship are kept. If you need to speak with Fr. Ivan just come and knock at the door of the sacristy.

GOD’S COUNTRY

A man from Wisconsin decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign which read “\$10,000 a minute.” Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Denver, Des Moines, Dubuque, St. Louis, Chicago, even east to Raleigh and Gary he found more phones, with the same sign, and got the same answer from each pastor.  
Finally, he arrived in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and upon entering a church he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read “Calls: 25 cents!.” Fascinated, he asked to talk to the priest. “Father, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church, I have found this golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but, in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call. Why?” The priest, smiling, replied, “Son, you’re in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania now. This is God’s country...it’s a local call.